

Amendments to the Claims. Material to be inserted is in underline, material to be deleted is in ~~strikeout~~ or [[double brackets]]. All cancellations are without prejudice.

1. (Previously Presented) A language learning system, comprising:

a body;

a plurality of phoneme selectors coupled to the body, each phoneme selector including a letter, a character, and a pronunciation symbol separate from the letter, the pronunciation symbol indicating a pronunciation for the letter, all associated with a phoneme, the character having a name including the phoneme; and

a target window positioned in the body, the target window being configured to display a target;

wherein the plurality of selectors are configured to be adjustable by a user to spell a name of the target;

wherein the letter and pronunciation symbol are distinguished in that each letter may have a plurality of possible pronunciations when used in different words, but each pronunciation symbol has only one possible pronunciation.

2. (Previously Presented) The language learning system of claim 1, wherein each selector is wheel-shaped.

3. (Original) The language learning system of claim 1, wherein the letters,

characters, and pronunciation symbols are positioned in respective sectors of a plurality of character regions positioned on the selector.

4. (Original) The language learning system of claim 1, wherein the body further includes a selection pane through which a user may view a selected letter on the phoneme selector.

5. (Previously Presented) The language learning system of claim 4, wherein the selection pane is adapted to enable a user to view a selected character, a selected pronunciation symbol and/or a selected letter of the phoneme selector.

6. (Original) The language learning system of claim 1, wherein the plurality of phoneme selectors includes five phoneme selectors.

7. (Cancelled)

8. (Previously Presented) A language learning system, comprising:
a set of characters, each character being associated with a predetermined phoneme of a language, and having a character name including the phoneme; and
a learning device configured to display at least one of the characters along with an associated letter and pronunciation symbol corresponding to the phoneme, wherein the

pronunciation symbol is separate from the letter and instructs a user how to pronounce the letter as the letter is positioned in the name of each character;

wherein the learning device includes a selector chosen from the group consisting of a wheel, a disk-shaped selector and a cone-shaped selector.

9. (Previously Presented) The language learning system of claim 8, wherein each character and associated pronunciation symbol and letter are arranged radially on one of a plurality of character regions on the selector.

Claims 10 - 31 (Cancelled)

32. (Previously Presented) A language learning system, comprising:

(a) at least one substrate;

(b) at least one character disposed on said substrate and having a name formed of one or more letters of an alphabet of a language;

(c) at least one letter of the alphabet of the language disposed on said substrate and being the same as one or more of the letters of the alphabet of the language forming said name of said character; and

(d) at least one pronunciation symbol of the language disposed on said substrate which corresponds to the pronunciation of said at least one letter of the alphabet of the language of said system, wherein the pronunciation symbol is separate from the letter and instructs a user how to pronounce the letter as the letter is positioned in the name of the

character.

Claims 33 - 56 (Cancelled)

57. (Previously Presented) The language learning system of claim 9, wherein the language learning device includes a selection pane through which a user may view a selected letter on the selector.

58. (Previously Presented) The language learning system of claim 57, wherein the selection pane is adapted to enable a user to view a selected character and a selected letter of the selector.

59. (Cancelled)

60. (Currently Amended) A language learning system, comprising:
a set of two or more sequenced ~~first and second~~ selector substrates, each selector substrate including three or more character regions, each character region including indicia showing a unique character icon and ~~at least one~~ **a letter or letter combination** from a name associated with the character icon, the character icon and letter **or letter combination** forming a graphical unit that represents a single pronunciation of the letter **or letter combination** as used in the character name, and that does not represent any other possible pronunciation of the letter **or letter combination**;

wherein the first selector substrate of the set of two or more sequenced selector substrates contains all letters or letter combinations necessary to spell each of the character names of the character icons on the first selector substrate, and wherein the graphical units formed by the character icons and letters or letter combinations on the first selector substrate indicate all pronunciations necessary to correctly pronounce each of the character names of the character icons on the first selector substrate; and

wherein the first ~~and second~~ selector substrate~~[[s]]~~ of the set of two or more sequenced selector substrates may be sequentially combined with the other selector substrates of the set of two or more sequenced selector substrates so that the sequentially combined selector substrates contain all letters or letter combinations necessary to spell each of the character names of the character icons on the ~~second~~ sequentially combined selector substrates, and wherein the graphical units formed by the character icons and letters or letter combinations on the ~~first and second~~ sequentially combined selector substrates indicate all pronunciations necessary to correctly pronounce each of the character names of the character icons on the ~~second~~ sequentially combined selector substrates~~[[;]]~~.

61. (Previously Presented) The language learning system of claim 60, wherein each letter or letter combination that has only a single possible pronunciation is shown as indicia within a single character region on the selector substrates to be paired with a single, unique character icon; and

wherein each letter or letter combination that has more than one possible

pronunciation appears as indicia within a plurality of character regions on the selector substrates, in each character region the letter or letter combination being paired with a different character icon for each pronunciation;

such that each letter or letter combination paired with a unique character icon forms a graphical unit that represents a unique pronunciation of the letter or letter combination.

62. (Currently Amended) The language learning system of claim 60, wherein the set of two or more sequenced selector ~~first and second~~ substrates are displayed on a display of a computing device.

63. (Previously Presented) The language learning system of claim 32, wherein the substrate is displayed on a computerized learning device.

64. (Currently Amended) The language learning system of claim 32, wherein the substrate is selected from the group consisting of a ~~card, block, doll,~~ disk, wheel, and cone.

65. (Previously Presented) The language learning system of claim 32, wherein the substrate is coupled to a body of language learning device.

66. (Previously Presented) The language learning system of claim 65, wherein the body contains a target window, the target window being configured to display a

target.

67. (Previously Presented) The language learning system of claim 66, wherein the substrate is adjustable to spell the target.

68. (Previously Presented) The language learning system of claim 32, further comprising a selection pane configured to display a selected portion of the substrate.

69. (Previously Presented) The language learning system of claim 68, wherein the substrate includes a plurality of character regions, each region including an associated character, letter or letter combination, and pronunciation symbol, and wherein the selection pane is adjustable to display at least one of the plurality of different character regions of the substrate.

70. (Currently Amended) A computerized language learning device ~~comprising~~ having a central processing unit linked to a display, the central processing unit being configured to execute software to cause the display to display an image comprising ~~of~~ the following:

a set of two or more sequenced ~~first and second~~ selector substrates, each selector substrate including three or more character regions, each character region including indicia showing a unique character icon and ~~at least one~~ a letter or letter combination from a name associated with the character icon, the character icon and letter or letter combination

forming a graphical unit that represents a single pronunciation of the letter or letter combination as used in the character name, and that does not represent any other possible pronunciation of the letter or letter combination;

wherein the first selector substrate of the set of two or more sequenced selector substrates contains all letters or letter combinations necessary to spell each of the character names of the character icons on the first selector substrate, and wherein the graphical units formed by the character icons and letters or letter combinations on the first selector substrate indicate all pronunciations necessary to correctly pronounce each of the character names of the character icons on the first selector substrate; and

18 wherein the first ~~and second~~ selector substrate~~[[s]]~~ of the set of two or more sequenced selector substrates may be sequentially combined with the other selector substrates of the set of two or more sequenced selector substrates so that the sequentially combined selector substrates contain all letters or letter combinations necessary to spell each of the character names of the character icons on the ~~second~~ sequentially combined selector substrates, and wherein the graphical units formed by the character icons and letters or letter combinations on the ~~first and second~~ sequentially combined selector substrates indicate all pronunciations necessary to correctly pronounce each of the character names of the character icons on the ~~second~~ sequentially combined selector substrates~~[[;]]~~.
